D-8239

December 14, 37.

Sir,

John Bresnan, American citizen.

In reply to your letter, dated December 11, 1937, concerning the above person, I forward herewith a copy of a Police report which is self-explanatory.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Commissioner of Police.

Messrs. Franklin & Harrington,
149 Yuen Ming Yuen Road,
Shanghai.

COPY OF POLICE REPORT DATED

November 23, 1937

With reference to the attached letter, enquiries show that no person named JOHN BRESNAN has ever been employed with the Shanghai River Police or with the British American Tobacco Co., in China. There is no trace of this name in Police records, neither does it appear in the Shanghai Hong List as far back as 1924.

Certified true copy:

FORM NO. 3
G. 20M-11-36

File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S.1. Special Branch/~~Sikhed~~,

REPORT

Date December 13, 1937

Subject (in full) John Bresnan) Bresnam) - communication from Messrs Franklin and Harrington dated 11.12.37.

Made by D.S. Henchman Forwarded by

With reference to the attached communication, I have to state that enquiries concerning John Bresnam have proved negative. Examination of police records show that the above mentioned communication is one of three, all received recently and all concerning the same individual. Enquiries made at the local U.S. Consulate-General yielded no information.

D. S.

D.C.(Special Branch).

13 DEC 1937

Franklin & Harrington

CORNELL S. FRANKLIN

WILLIAM C. WATSON
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CABLE: "ADVOCATE"
P. O. BOX 952

149 YUEN MING YUEN ROAD
SHANGHAI, CHINA.

December 11, 1937.

Major F. W. Gerrard,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
Shanghai.

Dear Sir,

We are interested in securing confidential information with reference to a man by the name of John Bresnam who is said to have served with the Shanghai River Police for four or five years prior to 1930. We would thank you for any information you can give us about him.

Yours faithfully,

Franklin & Harrington

D.S. Henchman
C.I.D.

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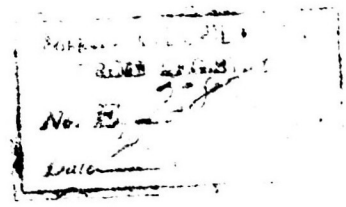

November 24, 37.

Sir,

John Dreesman, American citizen.

In reply to your letter, dated November 22, 1937, enquiring re the above person, I forward herewith a copy of a Police report which is self-explanatory.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner
(Crime Branch)

A.R. Hager Esq.,
The Business Equipment Corporation,
263 Kiangse Road,
Shanghai.

COPY OF POLICE REPORT DATED

November 23, 1937.

With reference to the attached letter, enquiries show that no person named JOHN BRESNAN has ever been employed with the Shanghai River Police or with the British American Tobacco Co., in China. There is no trace of this name in Police records, neither does it appear in the Shanghai Hong List as far back as 1924.

Certified true copy:

W. Grace Armott

P.S.A. to C.C. (Shanghai)

HEADQUARTERS
G.P.O. 1 NOV 1937
Date

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

H. Q. C. B. Station,

REPORT

Date November 23 1937.

Subject ENQUIRIES RE JOHN BRESNAN.

Made by D.S.I. Pryde Forwarded by C.D.I. Prince.

Sir,

With reference to the attached letter, enquiries show that no person named JOHN BRESNAN has ever been employed with the Shanghai River Police or with the British American Tobacco Co. in China. There is no trace of this name in Police records, neither does it appear in the Shanghai Hong List as far back as 1924.

I am, Sir,
Yours obediently,

Geo. B. Pryde
D.S.I.

D.C.(CRIME).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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Shanghai, China 22 November, 1937,

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S. C. Young Esqre.,
Deputy-Commissioner,
S.M.C. Police Force,
185 Foochow Road,
Shanghai.

Dear Mr. Young:

Can you give me any information regarding an American by the name of John Bresnan who claims to have been employed for several years as a member of the Shanghai River Police (four or five years).

A man by this name has made application to a very fine American business organization in Honolulu. The Managing Director, a personal friend of mine, has asked me to check up on certain claims he makes regarding his alleged life, employment and experience in China.

He claims to have lived in the Orient for about 15 years. A year or two of this in the Philippines but most of the time in China. The letter of enquiry does not state at what period of his residence here he was employed in the Shanghai River Police, but his other employment mention - - more recently with the British-American Tobacco Company - - would indicate that his Police employment was probably ten or more years ago. He is now said to be 33 years of age.

He appears to have left here some time in August or September. He claims to have been married and to have owned a home in Chapei.

Any information you can give me will be appreciated very much and will be considered entirely confidential.

Yours sincerely,

A. R. Hager

P.A. to G.C. (China)
DICTAPHONE
ARH:MF-6

Cable Address: BUSEQUICOR SHANGHAI Codes: Acme & Bentley

November 27, 1937

cc

Messrs. Rodger & Wiener,
Third Floor, Arnhold Building,
320, Szechuen Road.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 26, 1937, and in reply have to inform you that the present whereabouts of Mr. John Bresnan is not known to this Police Force.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Personal Assistant
to Commissioner of Police.

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Acknowledged for Rec. 26/11/37

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
CENTRAL REGISTRY
No. F 2974/
Date 29/11/37

No.3299/37. Nov. 26, 1937.

The Commissioner,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

D. 8239
15/12/37

Sir:

On behalf of a client, we are desirous of obtaining information about one John Bresnan, who formerly resided in Shanghai. We quote as follows from our client's letter:

> "His name is John Bresnan. He is approximately 33 years old, weighs about 210 pounds, and has spent fifteen years in the Orient. He was a Second Lieutenant in the Shanghai Volunteer Reserve Corps. He originally went to the Federated Malay States as a field boss and was there two years, then left for China. As near as we can make out he was a member of the Shanghai River Police for four or five years and later worked for the British American Tobacco Company in Shanghai. Then he left Shanghai to go to the Philippine Tobacco Company at Mindanao, taking charge of their personnel. He left this company about 1930 or 1931 and returned to Shanghai, where he again went to work for the British American Tobacco Company, remaining there until the company closed on account of the present war."

Will you kindly make such inquiries as may seem necessary to supply information concerning the present whereabouts, reputation and ability of this party. In reporting to our client we will, of course, not mention the fact that the information was obtained through you.

Thanking you for your assistance and any information you may be able to send us, we have the honour to be,

Sir,

Very respectfully yours,

RODGER & WIENER.

Rodger & Wiener

HDR/C.